

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN  
 Bill Number: H.R. 1105  
 Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project  
 Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sarasota County

Address of Requesting Entity: 1660 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34236

Description of Request: I secured \$500,000 for the Phillippi Creek Septic System.

Obsolete septic tanks are a source of wastewater pollution in Phillippi Creek, and thus, all of lower Sarasota Bay, along with its estuaries. The Phillippi Creek Septic Tank Replacement Program is underway to replace failing septic systems and connect approximately 15,000 low-income homes and businesses to central sewer in the Phillippi Creek Basin.

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Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Manatee Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 5840 26th Street West, Bradenton FL 34207

Description of Request: I secured \$95,000 for a Medical Technology and Simulation Center at Manatee Community College (MCC).

Through state and private initiatives over many years, MCC has been able to secure funding to construct a Medical Technology and Simulation Center. What is now needed are resources to outfit the Center with the equipment to operate a functional teaching program and Community Health Clinic. The proposed expansion of MCC's nursing program will accommodate up to 48 new nursing students each year and help provide the community with additional health care services it requires. This investment in classroom and clinical infrastructure will allow the College to immediately expand its program in terms of both student enrollment and reach. Without additional funding the prohibitive costs associated with nursing programs would create an indefinite barrier to the College's ability to meet this community need.

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Account: Department of Education—Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New College of Florida

Address of Requesting Entity: 5800 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota, FL 34243

Description of Request: I secured \$95,000 for a Smart Library for New College in my district.

Libraries are no longer about books and journals, microfiche and card catalogs. The libraries of the future will deal with the business of information management. They are becoming centers for community research and civic engagement. New College of Florida is poised to engage and enhance the digital assets at the Jane Bancroft Cook Library, a joint-use facility for New College of Florida, the University of South Florida Sarasota/Manatee, Manatee Community College, and citizens in the Manatee and Sarasota communities. The Cook Library/Smart Library plan will include:

Creating a variety of digital collections open to students, faculty, staff, and the community;

Acquiring basic sets of digital images to enrich the curriculum (environmental studies, art history, music, history, anthropology, biology, math, physics, business, education, criminal justice, etc.) and for use in educational and community outreach;

Purchasing equipment to digitize, analyze, and archive images and video created for research and teaching purposes;

Managing a full complement of digital assets, including audio, video, internet and metadata;

Developing educational, public outreach programs and facilitating public forums;

Providing a variety of workstation (PC, Mac) to allow for ease of access by faculty/students/staff/public;

Establishing Smart Collaborative Spaces where groups can interact using the best technology available.

Located on the Sarasota-Manatee county border, Cook Library is strategically placed to be an information hub for all the higher education institutions and the citizens of the counties they serve.

#### TRIBUTE TO VINCENT FEMIA

#### HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2009*

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Vincent Femia—a resident of my district in Upstate New York—for his outstanding achievements at the 2009 Special Olympic Winter World Games held in Boise, Idaho. Vincent played an integral role in helping Team USA capture a gold medal during the 4x1K freestyle cross-country relay. He also earned a silver medal for his performance in the 7.5K freestyle cross-country race, and a bronze medal in the 5K cross-country race.

At only 24 years old, Vincent has a long and distinguished history of participation in the Special Olympics, earning eight gold medals in Nordic skiing over the past 15 years. Since first taking to the slopes at the age of five, Vincent's stamina and strength have earned him the nickname, The Machine.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Vincent's accomplishments in the Special Olympic Games, and look forward to tracking his future success. Please join me in congratulating Vincent on this occasion.

IN HONOR OF SOHEM ALEICHEM  
AND TO CONGRATULATE  
LIMMUND FSU

#### HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2009*

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of acclaimed Russian-Jewish writer and humorist Mr. Sholem Aleichem, whose 150th birthday was this past Monday, March 2, and to congratulate Limmund FSU on the events it is sponsoring this week in New York City, Tel Aviv, and Kiev to commemorate this momentous event.

Born as Sholem Rabinovitch on March 2, 1859 in Pereyaslav, Ukraine, Sholem

Aleichem showed his writing talents at a young age. In 1879, he began publishing stories in Hebrew. Just a few years later, in 1883, he began publishing stories in Yiddish and, because Yiddish was not considered by some appropriate for legitimate writing, he adopted his now famous pseudonym: Sholem Aleichem.

This was the beginning of a long and distinguished literary career, in which Sholem Aleichem wrote and published dozens of short stories, plays, and novels in Yiddish, Hebrew, and Russian. He is best known for his writing in Yiddish and his role as one of the pre-eminent Yiddish authors. His efforts, through his own works and his promotion of the writing of others, did as much as anyone to promote Yiddish as an art form.

His works were widely popular, as they were both meaningful and humorous with an ability to teach and entertain. They also reflected the real lives and problems of their readers. Through his work, Sholem Aleichem left behind a rich portrayal of Jewish life and culture in Eastern Europe and Russia at the turn of the century. In fact, it was his stories that were the inspiration for the popular musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*. It is no wonder that he became known as the "Jewish Mark Twain."

Well after his death in New York City in 1916, his popularity continues to this day. His timeless works have been translated into many languages, including English, making accessible his unique literary talents to millions more. Monuments have been erected to him in Kiev and Moscow. And, in New York City, East 33rd Street, between Park Avenue and Madison Avenue, is named "Sholem Aleichem Place." It is only fitting that we pause on this, the occasion of his 150th birthday, to celebrate Sholem Aleichem and his contribution both to Jewish life and culture and to humanity as a whole.

Indeed, people will be remembering Sholem Aleichem all around the world thanks to the efforts of Limmund FSU. Limmund FSU is a volunteer organization whose goal is to help build bridges between Russian-speaking Jews and their Jewish history and culture. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Limmund FSU on the events it is sponsoring this week to honor Sholem Aleichem. It could not have picked a better person to honor and I want to thank everyone involved for their tremendous efforts.

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#### HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 3, 2009*

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, today I join my colleague from Illinois, Ms. BEAN, in introducing legislation to enhance the innovative health care resource sharing underway between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense in North Chicago, Illinois.

Ten years ago the VA was trying to close the North Chicago VA hospital, claiming it was underutilized and that veterans could easily commute 40 or 50 miles into Chicago for treatment. At the same time, the Navy was planning to close its 40-year-old hospital at Great